

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. The specification has been amended to insert headings. A substitute abstract that contains 50-150 words has been provided. A new title has been provided.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10-15 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 have been canceled by this amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate elements from the canceled claims, and claims 1 and 8 correspond to allowed claims in the corresponding Chinese application. Other claim amendments are to improve the language in a non-narrowing fashion.

Claims 10-13 are newly presented and set forth the present invention of the previous claims in terms that do not use "means" language. New claims 14 and 15 set forth that there are a plurality of basic modules.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

The Specification

The title of the invention is objected to as not being descriptive. A substitute title has been provided that is descriptive of the invention being claimed.

The Claims

The claims have been objected to as containing informalities. The claims have been amended to be free from informalities.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Official Action asserts that claim 1 is a method claim failing to set forth method steps. However, claim 1 has been amended to clearly be an apparatus claim.

The Official Action asserts that the claims use terms such as "arbitrary shape", "and if necessary" and "and/or" which are unclear. However, the claims have been amended to not utilize such terms.

The Official Action asserts that the claims are not set forth in terms in conformance with U.S. practice. However, the amended claims are in conformance with U.S. practice.

The claims are thus clear, definite and have full antecedent basis.

The rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejections Based on ALIZADE

Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by ALIZADE (U.S. Patent 6,386,122). Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over ALIZADE in view of DIPPOLD et al. (U.S. Patent 4,158,338). Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over ALIZADE in view of SCHLINDWEIN (U.S. Patent 4,704,880). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The present invention pertains to a security container formed from modules such as are depicted in Figure 1 of the application, reproduced below.

Fig. 1a

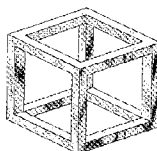


Fig. 1b

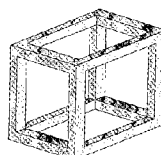


Fig. 1c

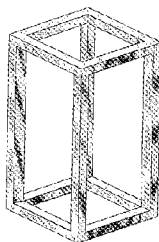
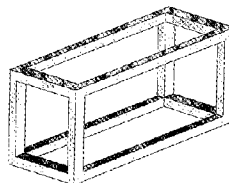
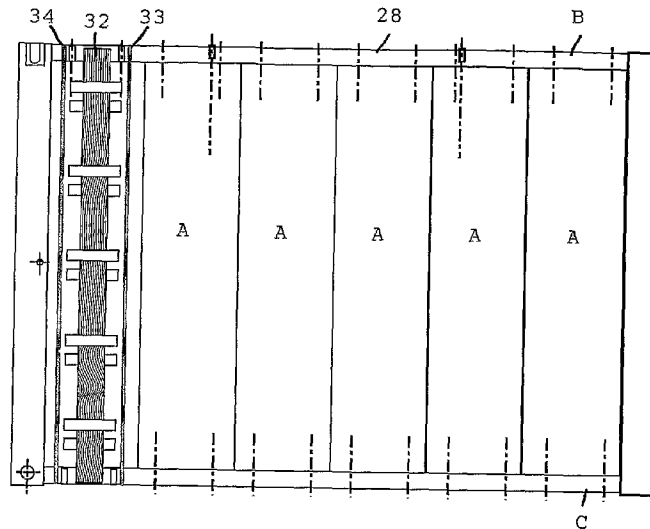


Fig. 1d



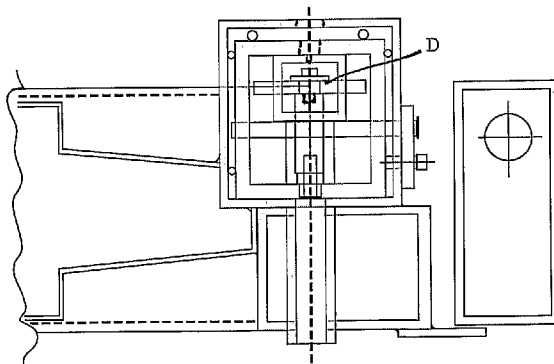
These modules are used to form the security container (including scantlings 32) exemplarily set forth in Figure 2 of the application, which is reproduced below.

Fig.2



A sectional view of the countersunk lock device D of the present invention is shown in Figure 5, which is reproduced below.

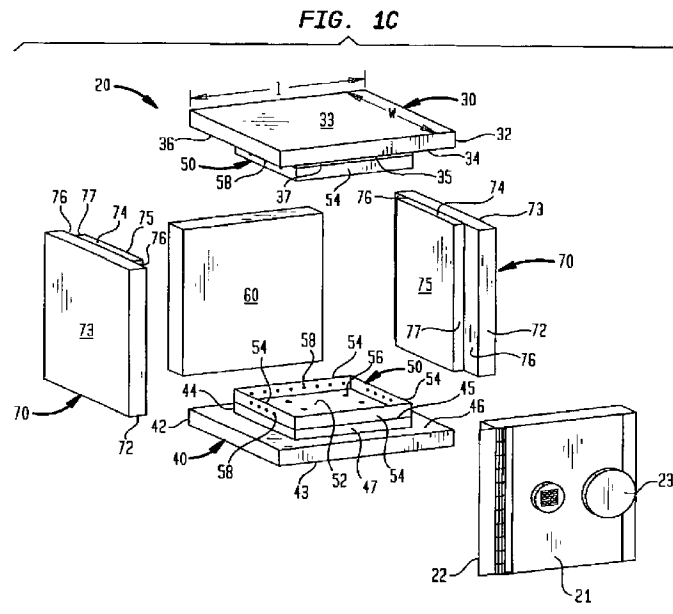
Fig.5



Amended claim 1 of the present invention recites:

"the door section, in its closed position, has parts protruding into or behind, or into and behind, adjacent side wall elements, and, in a locked position, has locking means protruding into the floor element and into the ceiling element, the wall sections have outer and inner casings of metal, an intermediate space is partially filled with concrete, the container having metal casings between which a plurality of scantlings are arranged, and at least two independent of each other locking devices are arranged in connection to a door section in which at least one primary locking device will protect against admission to a secondary head locking device."

ALIZADE pertains to a modular security safe. An exploded view of the safe of ALIZADE is shown in Figure 1C, which is reproduced below.

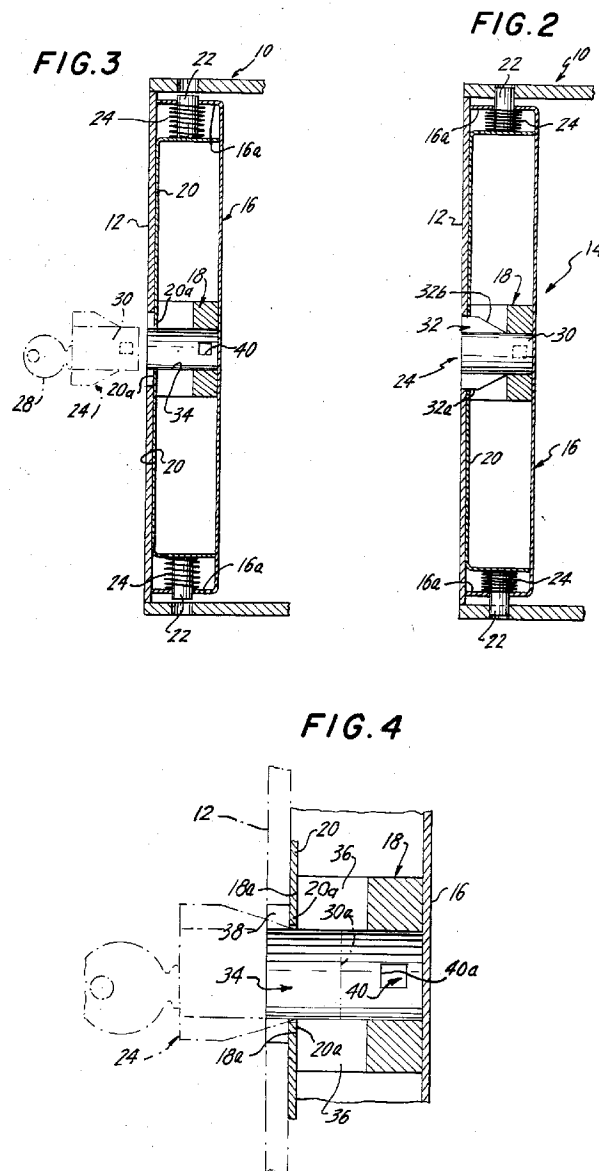


As can be seen, the safe of ALIZADE has only one locking device. In contrast, claim 1 of the present invention has *"at least two independent of each other locking devices are arranged in connection to a door section in which at least one primary locking device will protect against admission to a secondary head locking device."*

ALIZADE additionally fails to disclose features for a security device formed from multiple basic modules, such as scantlings.

The DIPPOLD et al. reference is used for teachings pertaining to a ballast of rubber pieces. However, this reference fails to address the deficiencies of ALIZADE discussed above.

The Official Action turns to Figures 2-4 of SCHLINDWEIN (reproduced below) for teachings pertaining to two locking devices.



Figures 2-4 of SCHLINDWEIN show a cam lock unit 24 that is connected for biasing dead bolts 22 toward their retracted positions. However, this technology of SCHLINDWEIN is a **single** locking device to advance and retract the dead bolts 22.

In contrast, the present invention has **two independent locking devices** arranged so that "two independent of each other

locking devices are arranged in connection to a door section in which at least one primary locking device will protect against admission to a secondary head locking device." There is no such primary/secondary protective arrangement in SCHLINDWEIN.

ALIZADE thus fails to anticipate a claimed embodiment of the present invention. One of ordinary skill and creativity would fail to produce a claimed embodiment of the present invention from a knowledge of ALIZADE and DIPPOLD et al., or a knowledge of ALIZADE and SCHLINDWEIN. A *prima facie* case of unpatentability has thus not been made.

These rejections are believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 14, 2006 and for making an initialed PTO-1449 Form of record in the application.

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The objections and rejections are believed to have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot, and no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the
originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document